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SUBJ: DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY

1. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL PIERRE WURTH GAVE DCM TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 16-17 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG. BECAUSE LUXEMBOURG AS EC PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET FORMALLY PROPOSED THE AGENDA TO ITS EC PARTNERS, WURTH ASKED THAT FACT THAT HE HAS GIVEN US TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS NOT REPEAT NOT BE REVEALED IN OTHER CAPITALS AT THIS TIME. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH WURTH'S REQUEST UNTIL THE GOL CAN GET AGREEMENT ON THE AGENDA FROM ITS PARTNERS, WHICH WURTH SAYS WILL BE DONE BY EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. ACCORDING TO WURTH, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED FEBRUARY 16 AND 17: (A) ASIA--THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL
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HAVE A REPORT BY THE EC WORKING GROUP ON ASIA WHICH WILL CON-

CENTRATE ON RELATIONS WITH PRC AND KOREA. ON CHINA, WURTH SAID THE DIRECTORS WILL DISCUSS HOW THE COMMUNITY SHOULD RESPOND TO APPROACHES BY THE PRC SUGGESTING IMPROVED RELATIONS. ON KOREA, THE DIRECTORS WILL DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN KOREA AND TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN. UNITED STATES' VIEWS ON KOREA IN THE UN WOULD BE APPRECIATED. (B) EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE--TH POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL REVIEW THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE WORKING GROUP'S EFFORTS TO DRAFT CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN MAY. WURTH REITERATED THE PROPOSED EC SCENARIO FOR DEALING WITH POLITICAL QUESTIONS (LUXEMBOURG 68). HE EMPHASIZED ONCE AGAIN THAT THE EC SPOKESMAN, IN OPENING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WITH A STATEMENT OF EC POLICY TOWARDS THE MIDDLE EAST, WOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE EC'S NOVEMBER 1973 PUBLIC STATEMENT AND AMBASSADOR VINCI'S STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE UNGA. (C) THE MIDDLE EAST-- THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL TRY TO DEVELOP RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY LEBANON, RAISED IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. WURTH SAID THORN WILL RESPOND TO SUCH PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES IN STRASBOURG. HE SAID THE DIRECTORS WOULD WELCOME A CURRENT U.S. READING ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND THE MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY FOLLOWING RABIN'S VISIT. HE ASKED IN THE NAME OF THE EC PRESIDENCY, RATHER THAN AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE NINE, FOR CLARIFICATION ON TWO SPECIFIC POINTS. --WHY DURING THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST DID THE U.S. ABSTAIN IN A VOTE ON THE BRITISH AMENDMENT STATING THAT RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 REMAIN VALID. --DOES THE U.S. FORESEE RECURRING PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE PROVISION IN THE 1948 MID-EAST RESOLUTION CALLING FOR EITHER COMPENSATION TO THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES OR GIVING THEM THE CHOICE OF RETURNING TO THEIR HOMELAND. IF THE U.S. SEES A PROBLEM HERE, WHAT IS ITS PLAN FOR DEALING WITH IT. FINALLY ON THE MIDDLE EAST, WURTH SAID THAT CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE EC STATEMENT ON LEBANON WAS OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. (D) RELATIONS WITH SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES--WURTH SAID HE EXPECTS A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DIRECTORS WILL ALSO HAVE BEFORE THEM AN EXPERTS GROUP'S REPORT ON CSCE. (E) LATIN AMERICA--THE DIRECTORS WILL REVIEW THE SITUATION IN CHILE. THE NINE QUERIED THEIR AMBASSADORS IN SANTIAGO ON THE USEFULNESS OF A PUBLIC DEMARCHE AND WERE TOLD THAT OVERT PUBLIC PRESSURE ON THE GOC COULD WELL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL CONSIDER AND MOST LIKELY PROPOSE THAT THE NINE USE THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENEVA

AS THE FORUM FOR MAKING THEIR VIEWS KNOWN ON CHILE. (F) AFRICA--
THE DIRECTORS WILL DISCUSS ANGOLA, NAMIBIA AND THE SAHARA.
THEY WOULD APPRECIATE A CURRENT U.S. ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATIONS
IN THOSE AREAS. (G) THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE A
PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG
ON FEBRUARY 23 AND 24. THEY WILL DECIDE WHAT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS
TO PUT ON THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AGENDA. FARKAS

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